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In re Application of :
Leon Bottou et al :
Application No. 10/721,863 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: November 26, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. :
112817CON-2 (ATT.0140002) :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 12, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue and publication fees on or before December 1, 2006, as required by the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed September 1, 2006. Accordingly, the date of abandonment of this application is December 2, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 27, 2006.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee of \$1,400 and the publication fee of \$300, (2) the petition fee of \$1,500, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the issue and publication fees are accepted as being unintentionally delayed.


It is not apparent whether petitioner herein was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable

petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that petitioner herein was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney document must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until appropriate instructions are received.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This application is being referred to Publishing Division via Technology Center AU 2624 for appropriate action on the amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 filed April 12, 2007.


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